

POETRY.

For the Philanthropist.

AN ACROSTIC.

The Freedom, is our Nation's pride and boast,
Her blessings loud proclaim throughout our coast,
Ere her standard, rise her banner high,
Proclaim it all the Nation's Liberty.

Have Africa's sons been guilty of a crime?
Is it for this they lie in slavery pine?

Let conscience speak, let justice plead their cause,
And try the Slave by Nature's perfect laws.

No man of common sense, will e'er dispute,
That they are Men—not made the creature brute—

Have rights to claim, to speak, to act like men,
Rights to themselves, and all that white men claim.

On Africa's shores the black man there is free!
Proud of his birth, and boasts his pedigree.

It is because the black man has a skin,
Scorched by a torrid sun unlike to this,
That thou hast right to strike him as thy prey—
By whips and torture wear his life away.

Ye sons of yore that fought for Liberty!
Great Britain's pride, stand ye up for me free,
And you in turn for blessings freedom give,
Make chains and fetters bind, and scourge the slave.

And it is called our blessed Institution,
Lays claim to Law and pleads the Constitution;
It's said to be the corner stone,
Even laid to build our free Republic on.

Let Liberty and Justice, sacred names,
Be used no more by such to bind in chains,
Almost three millions of their fellow men—
It fastens on our flag a deepening stain.

Let tyrants pause—let Christian patriots weep,
Eternal justice will not always sleep—
For foul oppressions will be brought to light,
Justice will come and plead the black man's right.

Remove each burden, let the oppressed go free,
Each four blood, let the oppressor cease to be,
Deal out thy bread with freedom to the poor,
In pity hear the orphan's tender prayer.

Then will the shout arise, the Jubilee sound
Over all our land, "The Slave has Freedom found."
Remember this, oppression use no more,
Let Judgment come, when no Deliverer's near.

Isaac L. Jinks

From the Philadelphia Christian Witness.

"THE EARTH IS THE LORD'S."

Psalm 24.

Lord! the earth is thine,
And the fulness of the sea—
Heaps of gold and gems that shine,
Fleeting through the flashing brine,
All belong to Thee!

Underneath the yeasty waves,
Where the great sea-monsters rove,
Thou hast hallowed wondrous caves,
For their ocean home.

Where the lowly Leviathan
Revels in his kind's might,
Over beds of crystal
Thou hast bidden temples rear,
Thou hast fashioned trophies rare,
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While myriad voices, humming
Their welcome song, ring dreamy music round,
Till seems the air an element of sound.

The overlying sky
As a softer tint, a lovelier hue,
As if the light of heaven be melting through
Its sphere above on high.

Hiding the sunshine in their vernal breast,
The clouds float on like spirits to their rest.

A deeper melody,
Poured by the winds, o'er their callow young
Waterfowl they hover, to the breeze is flung—
Faintly, but not of less.

Mute birds, like a greater melody, float
Above their cradled infants slumbering.

On the warm hill side, where
The sunlight glimmers late through the grass
Perch the luscious starlings! As they pass,
Young children gambol there.

Crushing the gathered fern in playful mood,
And staining their bright faces with its blood.

A deeper bliss is given
To the half-petted child, as the sun
Day after day pours warmth the trees upon,
Till the rich pulp is ripe.

The trust schoolboy looks with longing eyes,
And perils him all unbeck to win the prize.

The farmer in his field,
Draws the rich mould around the tender maize
While Hope, high-pointed, points to coming days,
When all his toil shall yield.

An ample harvest, and around his hearth
There shall be laughing eyes and tones of mirth.

Pointed on his rainbow wing,
The butterfly, whose life is but an hour,
Hovers fleetly from flower to flower,
A gay and happy thing.

Born for the sunshine and the summer day,
Soon passing, like the beautiful, away!

There are thy pictures, June,
Brightest of Summer months—thou month of flowers!
First-born Beauty, whose swift-footed hours
Dance to the merry tune

Of birds and waters and the pleasant shout
Of Childhood on the sunny hills flung out.

I feel it not wrong
To deem that art a type of heaven's clime,
Only that the clouds and storms of time,
Sweep past the sky long.

The flowers—sister—music—all are thine,
But brighter—purer—lovelier—more divine!

W. H. B.

From the New Yorker.

AUTUMN.

Thy presence, Autumn, in the western light,
Is beautiful, though art, the breeze is light.

To nip the flowers' long have faded,
And weave a shadow to her gloom, die.

Thy touch, though cold, is gentle and divine,
It kindles every leaf with gorgeous dye.

And decks with garlands Nature's lovely shrine;
Brighter than June beneath the summer skies.

With a new beauty burns the sunset fire,
Behold it through the cool transparent air,
O'er thy refulgent lake, as if a funeral pyre,
Ashing the woodland with a glory rare.

Thou, Autumn, art indeed not all of grief,
Prolonged is coming and its prime how brief!
But rich the pomp that gathers round thy feet,
H. T. T.

MISCELLANEOUS.

PARTY SPIRIT.

Every one can see the wit tendency of this prevailing
feudalism, every one is doomed to feel more or less
of its fatal influence upon domestic and social comfort, yet
but very few raise their voices, or employ their pen, to
ally its violence, or oppose its triumph. If it did not
rise in every state and invade every county, we should
probably have but half the number of our present po-
litical periodicals.

Well, that would be a very desirable result. Those
that are brought into existence rarely for the sake of
"supporting a party, can only be supported by keeping
up party excitement, and in party strife they
"Live and move and have their being."
By custom, all their readers are taught to feel a personal
interest in their war of words, and general principles and
the general welfare is lost sight of, in the constant struggle
to exalt the pretensions and talents of one set of public
men, and to denigrate and vilify the opponents.

A two-edged sword in the hands of a reckless writer,
is a most dangerous weapon; used indiscriminately,
offensively and defensively, it so often wounds those it
aims to defend, as those it is raised to attack.

Political discussion is one thing, and political dogma-
tism is another.

One is the first step, and the other the last, and every
man who takes up a pen as the business and trade of
every man, and every man thinks himself equal, as he is
eligible to the highest offices in the government; for his
pencil we are one and all infallible—no man pretends
to doubt his own infallibility! Party politics, there-
fore, are now throughout the land, the true old
political spirit, which never allowed a selfish, egotistic
man to have common sense, or common honesty. It is then impos-
sible in a pure representative government, to preserve our
personal independence, and yet hear both sides—and if
we cannot be neutral, at least impartial! It is impossi-
ble for us to be as good citizens as we are, and yet be
whose politics or religion are the enemies of our own
people, who with only selfishness to guide us in both! Per-
haps not for congeniality of opinion is the best cement
of friendship.

But this we can all do: we can cease to pronounce on
the motives of men who differ from us, and show the su-
periority of our own judgment by ceasing to assume a
control over them.

We can refrain, it is hoped, without any great effort,
from joining in the petty nick-namings and small twaddles,
which are so disgusting in the slavish partisan, and treat
all who differ from us with a respect commensurate with
their talents and attainments.

In the old countries of Europe there appears to be some
excuse for the violence of party spirit. In England, the
land and money aristocracy have an interest so directly
opposed to the interest of the laborer, that there must exist
a bitter enmity between the extremes of riches and poverty,
more universal, the oppressed will gradually acquire the
power which knowledge creates, and which they know
how to use, will assuredly bring a greater equality of human
conditions.

The poor disappointed Frenchman, who hoped and ex-
pected so much more from his great revolution than he
has realized, may be excused also for the violence of his
party feelings, and he must be, by the influence of all
his sacrifices to attain but the shadow of liberty.

The Germans, a more steady and thinking people, look
in "alien sorrow" over their political degradation, and the
great misery is how they so many justly can only
find their infinite local divisions and sub-divisions, which
suppresses the general voice, and where there are so
many parties, prevents the preponderance of any one to

succeed in gaining that ascendancy which is necessary
to accomplish any national reform.

There is yet the happy man to be found in free gov-
ernments, where the greatest freedom can exist without
the suspicion of fraud, and where the crops, in without
the disposition to scorn it; where the laborer needs
no patronizers, depends on those satisfying every thing
to attain it, find no credulous supporters.

In proportion as we find ourselves more and more
under the sway of public opinion, we naturally pay the
greater attention to all public and social and produce
enrichments, which no dramatic effect can be made.

Let us take care, then, that we are not mere actors, re-
peating the promptings of other place-holders or place-
holders, but try to find ourselves, even when we
"think aloud," and aiming only to catch popular ap-
probation, but our own souls, as well as that of all
those who can distinguish between the good and the
bad, and an honest, well earned popularity—Dissem-

THE GRAIN WORM.—We give it up. Desir-
ous as we have been to believe, or rather to
hurry, that the grain worm is not to injure the
berry of the wheat as soon as it becomes ripe,
and that consequently, the idea of its eating after
the grain was harvested was erroneous, facts have
shown us that the worm does not cease to feed
on the kernel until the transformation or the
death—Some of these facts and our observations
we shall mention here. We have before been con-
fined to confining some worms with wheat in a glass
vial, and the worms were so confined a month, when
the wheat was examined, and some of the kernels
had been plainly eaten, but some of the worms
were dead. The vial with its contents was again
put away for fifteen days, and then examined.

The worms were dead, but that they fed to the
last, is evident from the fact that they fed before
they died, and some of them nearly had eaten the
kernel, but they were not allowed to do so.

Every kernel was selected singly and perfectly
sound, for the experiment. The fact therefore
is undeniable, that the grain worm does feed on the
ripe berry.

We have also seen harvest-selected ears of wheat in the field, containing the
worm, and which bore evident traces of having
the kernels fed upon since maturing; and ears
taken from the field, and which bore evident traces
of not infrequently kernels exhibiting the same ap-
pearance. Some of these worms we enclosed in a
vial of flour. After being in it a month, the
contents were examined, and every one found
dead; a conclusive proof that they are different
from the weevil or the common flour worm, with
which some have confounded them.

We have this summer been making some ob-
servations on the fly that produces the worm, and
its method of operating, and we have found that
our opportunities for noticing the fly were not
favorable as last year, as they were much fewer
in number on the wheat. After the wheat had
been mowed, we were inclined to the opinion that
they are at least as numerous as the fly, but
infest wheat, both belonging to the genus *Cecidomyia*
of Latreille, the *Utricularia* of Linnaeus.

It is not improbable, when it is recollected
that there is a great number of species of this
insect, upwards of 40 having been found in Eng-
land alone. One of these species, a reddish or
changeable green fly, we have detected deposit-
ing its young on wheat, and on some kinds of
rye, and on some kinds of barley, and the berry
is furnished with an ovipositor that folds under the
belly, and is used for penetrating beneath the
chaff of the wheat. The other would seem from
the description to be the *Cecidomyia patens*
of Wilson, its white larva, and its larva, and
dormant with a retractile ovipositor, corresponding
exactly with his delineation. This we think is
the common insect, the parent of the worm, most